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# General Pharmacology

Effects on depolarization. Sodium-channel blockers comprise Fastthe Class I antiarrhythmic compounds according to the Vaughan-Williams classification scheme. These drugs bind to and block the fast sodium channels that are responsible for the rapid depolarization (phase 0) of <u>fast-response cardiac action potentials</u>. This type of action potential is found in non-nodal, cardiomyocytes (e.g., atrial and ventricular myocytes; purkinje 0tissue). Because the slope of phase 0 depends on the activation of fast sodium-channels and the rapid entry of sodium ions into the mV cell (Figure: Na<sup>+</sup> in), blocking these channels decreases the slope -50 of phase 0, which also leads to a decrease in the amplitude of the action potential. In contrast, nodal tissue action potentials (sinoatrial and atrioventricular nodes) do not depend on fast -100sodium channels for depolarization; instead, phase 0 depolarization is carried by calcium currents. Therefore, sodiumchannel blockers have no direct effect on nodal tissue, at least through the blockade of fast sodium-channels.

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The principal effect of reducing the rate and magnitude of depolarization by blo decrease in conduction velocity in non-nodal tissue (atrial and ventricular musc The faster a cell depolarizes, the more rapidly adjacent cells will become depolaregeneration and transmission of action potentials between cells. Therefore, blo velocity of action potential transmission within the heart (reduced conduction v can serve as an important mechanism for suppressing tachycardias that are caus reentry mechanisms). By depressing abnormal conduction, reentry mechanisms

Effects on repolarization. Besides affecting phase 0 of action potentials, sodium-channel blockers may also alter the action potential duration (APD) and effective refractory period (ERP). Because some sodium-channel blockers increase the ERP (Class IA), while others decrease the ERP (Class IB) or have no effect on ERP (Class IC), the Vaughan-Williams classification recognizes these differences as subclasses of Class I antiarrhythmic drugs. These effects on ERP are not directly related to sodium channel blockade, but instead are related to drug actions on potassium channels involved in phase 3 repolarization of action potentials. These channels regulate potassium efflux from the cell (K<sup>+</sup> out), and therefore repolarization. The drugs in these subclasses also differ in their efficacy for reducing the slope of phase 0, with IC drugs having the greatest and IB drugs having the smallest effect on phase 0 (IA drugs are intermediate in their effect on phase 0). The following summarize these differences:

Sodium-channel blockade: IC > IA > IB

Increasing the ERP: IA > IC > IB (decreases)

Increasing or decreasing the APD and ERP can either increase or decrease arrhythmogenesis, depending on the underlying cause of the arrhythmia. Increa interrupt tachycardia caused by reentry mechanisms by prolonging the duration (its refractory period). This can prevent reentry currents from re-exciting the tis the APD can precipitate *torsades de pointes*, a type of ventricular tachycardia c

*Effects on automaticity.* By mechanisms not understood and unrelated to block antiarrhythmics can suppress abnormal automaticity by decreasing the slope of pacemaker currents.

Indirect vagal effects. The direct effect of Class IA antiarrhythmic drugs on ac modified by their anticholinergic actions. Inhibiting vagal activity can lead to b and atrioventricular conduction, which can offset the direct effects of the drugs drug may effectively depress atrial rate during flutter, it can lead to an increase increase in the number of impulses conducted through the atrioventricular node requiring concomitant treatment with a beta-blocker or calcium-channel block. These anticholinergic actions are most prominent at the sinoatrial and atriovent extensively innervated by vagal efferent nerves. Different drugs within the IA s anticholinergic actions (see table below).

## Specific Drugs and Therapeutic Indications

The following table summarizes Class I compounds in terms of their therapeuti distinguishing characteristics. More detailed information on specific drugs can

Class IA: atrial fibrillation, flutter; supraventricular & ventricular tachy								
quinidine*	anticholinergic (moderate)	cinchonism (blurred psychosis); crampin digitalis toxicity						
procainamide	anticholinergic (weak); relatively short half-life	lupus-like syndrome						
disopryamide	anticholinergic (strong)	negative inotropic e:						
Class IB: ventricular	tachyarrhythmias (VT)							
lidocaine*	IV only; VT and PVCs	good efficacy in iscl						
tocainide	orally active lidocaine analog	can cause pulmonar						
mexiletine	orally active lidocaine analog	good efficacy in iscl						
phenytoin	digitalis-induced arrhythmias							
	Class IC: life-threatening supraventricular tachyarrhythmias (SVT) and tachyarrhythmias (VT)							
flecainide*	flecainide* SVT							
propafenone	SVT & VT;	β-blocking and Ca <sup>+</sup> can worsen heart fai						
moricizine	VT; IB activity							

<sup>\*</sup> prototypical drug

Abbreviations: IV, intravenous; PVC, premature ventricular complex.

## Side Effects and Contraindications

The anticholinergic effects of IA drugs can produce tachycardia, dry mouth, uri constipation. Diarrhea, nausea, headache and dizziness are also common side e: Quinidine enhances <u>digitalis toxicity</u>, especially if hypokalemia is present. Quin can precipitate torsades de pointes (especially in patients with long-QT syndror caused by <u>afterdepolarizations</u>. Disopyramide is contraindicated for patients wi because of its negative inotropic actions; propafenone can also depress inotropy increased risk of sudden death in patients with a prior history of myocardial infa arrhythmias.

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